

March 20, 2021

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 22 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 6,935 cases confirmed since 21 March 2020. Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.

The first 6,776 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 6,776 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had **146** confirmed deaths due to the virus. **(SCDHEC reported 2 new deaths of one elderly and one middle-aged individual.)** This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 13. *DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.*

From 2 March until 15 March (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 137 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of **193.5** per 100,000 individuals which is rated as **medium** by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 603 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 457,898. Also, they reported 25 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 7,920. Please click this <u>link</u> to see the deaths by county. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers.

SCDHEC reported 8,744 of 11,350 inpatient beds are in use for a 77.0% usage rate statewide. Of the 8,744 beds in use, 570 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 6.5% of the beds in use.

As of 18 March, Greenwood County has 167 of 206 hospital beds in use which is 81.1% utilization rate. As of 18 March, Self Regional reported 9 COVID-19 patients with 2 in ICU. Of these, 2 patients is on ventilation.

SCDHEC has created a dashboard which tracks the COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools within SC. Please click this <u>link</u> to see the numbers of reported cases by school.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by **keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick** and wearing face coverings when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see DHEC's COVID-19 webpage.

To view additional county level data see DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19.

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County.

22 March: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

- 24 March: 450 Willson Street, Greenwood, Self Regional, Lander University; 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- 25 March: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- 26 March: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- 29 March: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional; 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- 31 March: 450 Willson Street, Greenwood, Self Regional, Lander University; 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Vaccinations: Phase 1b is now in progress. See the SCDHEC link below for more details.

SCDHE Vaccine Webpage.

Below are additional links to review information about mRNA vaccines. (Newest on top)

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/? so =channel_tab&_rv = all videos card

Vaccine presentation begins at the 11:18 mark.

Greenwood County's Vaccine Webpage